

Some Reasons for a farther Encouragement for bringing Naval Stores from America, for supplying the Royal Navy at present, and in time to come the whole Navigation of Great Britain: Also the Advantages that will accrue to Her Majesty in Particular, and to Great Britain in General, besides the certainty of being supply'd therewith at all times.

IT appears by a Letter from Dr. Robinson Envoy Extraordinary in Sweden, now Lord Privy Seal, to Sr. Charles Hedges then Secretary of State; from Warsaw the 4th of August N. S. 1703; that the Queen was then in great want of Naval Stores for the Use of the Royal Navy, since Her Majesty wrote so pressingly to the King of Sweden, to give Directions that She might be supply'd with a quantity sufficient for one Year; and that afterwards the Colledge of the Pitch and Tarr Trade at Stockholm should have time for Deliberation whether they thought fit to gratify the Queen therein or not: Whereupon the said Colledge, represented to the King, that it was a great Grievance, to oblige them to deliver at Stockholm any Pitch or Tarr for the English Navy; since they could, to much more Advantage carry it thither *i. e.* into England, and sell it themselves, where Her Majesty might be supply'd therewith at the Market Price. This, says His Excellency, I take to be all Her Majesty hath to trust to on that side. Then he proceeds, saying, that he cannot conceive, that Her Majesty can with any certainty be supply'd otherwise than by buying Pitch and Tarr of those Directors at such Prices as they will sell it for in England; After having said a great deal more to the same Purpose, he concludes his Letter in these Words: *What Difficulties there are in making and bringing it, i. e. (Pitch and Tarr) from New-England, I am not acquainted with, but take it for granted, that England had better give one Third more for it from thence, than have it at such Uncertainties, and in so precarious a manner from other Countrys.*

After so unquestionable an Authority, it were to no Purpose to add any thing about the Necessity of endeavouring to supply ourselves with Pitch and Tarr in the manner His Excellency advises: There remains only to shew, That there is a possibility of doing it, and that nothing can be of more Advantage to Great Britain than to promote it by all manner of Encouragements.

The Parliament was so sensible, both of the Possibility and the Necessity thereof, that in the next Parliament, that is, in the 3d and 4th Year of Her Majesty's Reign, an Act pass'd, for encouraging the Importation of Naval Stores, from our American Plantations allowing large Premiums to the Importers thereof.

These Encouragements, by way of Premium, had very little Effect, because the Premium was not regularly paid, nor was there any Interest allowed

lowed upon the Debentures: However it made the *Stockholm* Traders more Tractable.

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The last Parliament gave a further Encouragement, for settling that Manufacture at *New-York* Impowering Her Majesty by a Clause in an Act past the Eight Year of Her Majesty's Reign, intituled: *An Act for continuing several Impositions, Additional Impositions, and Duties upon Goods imported, to raise Money by way of Loan, for the Service of the Year 1710, &c.* * to dispose of a Sum not exceeding Ten Thousand Pounds for settling that Manufacture on Foot, and whereas this could not be done without Hands, Coll. *Hunter*, who was at that time appointed by Her Majesty Governour of *New-York* receiv'd Her Gracious Commands to carry over 3000 Souls of the Poor *Palatins*, to settle and subsist them until they could shift for themselves; And it being Her Majesty's Intention, that whatever Sums of Money should be expended therein, the said *Palatins* should repay Her in Naval Stores: Her Majesty gave Directions to the Attorney General to draw up Articles of Agreement, which he did, and thereby the *Palatins* are bound to apply themselves upon the Manufacture of Naval Stores, in order to repay the Money advanc'd, or to be advanc'd for their Settlement, which Articles of Agreement were sign'd, seal'd and deliver'd in the presence of Three Witnesses; One of which, is now in *England*, having been sent by Coll. *Hunter* to solicit a continuation of the necessary Sums for compleating that Settlement and for attaining the Ends thereof.

Notwithstanding this said Then Thousand Pounds was but a third part of the Sum that was promis'd the Governour, for making the said Settlement, he hath nevertheless upon the Faith of Her Majesty's Instructions continu'd to subsist those People to this Day, having drawn Bills of Exchange, for the Money he hath disburs'd, over and above the said Sum of 10000 *l.* for the Purchase of Lands, for settling and subsisting those People since their arrival in *June* 1710. to the middle of *March* 17¹¹₁₂ which are 21 Months, an Estimate whereof cannot now be given, but the Sum that shall be requisit for compleating that Settlement and settling that Manufacture upon a good Foot, may be seen from the Governour's Letters to the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, and their Lordship's Report thereon transmitted to the Treasury.

As to the necessity of encouraging that Manufacture in the Plantations, there needs no more to be said than that they cannot now make any considerable returns here, that will come to better Market than Naval Stores if duly encouraged; and for want thereof, they are supply'd with our Manufacture at so extravagant Rates, that they are obliged to work up their own Wool and Flax for Cloathing themselves, for want of means to purchase our Woollen-Stuffs, Linnen, and other Necessaries.

To conclude, if *Great Britain* will make it self independent of the *Swedish* Crown, and Pitch and Tarr Company for those Species, without which the Royal Navy and whole Navigation would become useles; there is no other Way, than that of improving the Opportunity, which God hath put
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into our Hands of securing to ourselves a Sufficiency thereof, and of all other Stores from our own Plantations, the rather because it will cost us nothing, and that this may prove the most effectual Means to divert the Inhabitants of those Provinces from the Woollen Manufactures, as doubtless it will, when by the encrease of our Navigation thither, we may afford them our Manufactures cheaper than they can make them themselves. What the Queen will save in particular as long as she shall be supply'd from *New-York* with Pitch and Tarr, is referr'd to the following Scheme.

An ESTIMATE of the Quantity of TARR that may be rais'd Yearly by the Palatins at NEW-YORK, shewing that HER MAJESTY'S Navy may be supply'd therewith at least 25 per Cent cheaper in this manner than from SWEEDEN upon the present Foot.

Whereas the *Palatins* have not yet made any Tarr, and that a Specimen thereof cannot be expected before next Year : It may however be reasonably supposed, that 3000 Tunn is the least Quantity they will be able to make Yearly, and which according as the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations have been pleas'd to fix it, at 8 Shillings *per* Barrel deliver'd at *New-York* for Her Majesty's Use, being the Current Price of that Commodity there,

The Prime Cost of 3000 Tunn or 24000 Barrels of Tarr,
at 8 Shillings *per* Barrel will be 9600 *l.*

The Freight from *New-York*, besides all other Charges deliver'd at the Queen's Yards suppose at 12 Shillings *per* Barrel more is 14400 *l.*

3000 Tunn of *American* Tarr will cost the Queen no more than 24000 *l.*

Not being sufficiently apprized of the Price the Commissioners of the Navy give for Tarr, one may suppose One Year with another they Contract at the Rate of 16 *l.* *per* Last of 12 Barrels each Last.

So 3000 Tunn or 2000 Last will cost the Queen 32000 *l.*

From which deducting the Sum for the same Quantity of Tarr brought from *New-York* as above being. . . . 24000 *l.*

The Queen will save 25 *per* Cent or 8000 *l.*

NB. Her Majesty will save 4 *l.* *per* Tunn or 12000 *l.* in the whole besides, to which the Bounty Money allowed by an Act past the 3d and 4th Year of Her Majesty's Reign doth amount, if She be the Importer ; which will go very near to pay the Freight and other Charges, and in that Case save near 75 *per* Cent.



REASONS

FOR

Promoting the Rai-
sing of Naval Stores
in *America*.

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